

**Middletown Public Schools**

**Middletown, Rhode Island**

**Thursday, August 18, 2005**

**MICHAEL S. PINTO CONFERENCE ROOM**

**5:30 p.m. – Regular School Committee Meeting**

**Members Present: Liana F. Fenton, Vice-Chair**

**Edward K. Draper**

**Theresa M. Spengler**

**Member Absent: Michael F. Crowley, Jr., Chairman**

**William Coogan**

**The Regular School Committee Meeting was held in the Michael S. Pinto Conference Room and called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice-Chair Liana F. Fenton. Administrative staff member present was Vincent Giuliano. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Edward Draper. To go into Executive Session 42-46-5 (a) 1, 2,5,8,9 at 5:31 p.m. Unanimous vote.**

**The meeting was called back to order at 7:45 p.m.**

**Mrs. Fenton announced that a 3-0 vote was taken to support the Superintendent's recommendation on student discipline.**

**A grievance was denied (3-0 vote).**

**A grievance was conditionally denied (3-0 vote).**

## **SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING**

**No Spotlight on Teaching and Learning for August 18, 2005.**

## **PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS**

**No Proclamations/Awards for August 18, 2005.**

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**No Student Activities for August 18, 2005.**

## **INFORMATION**

**Mrs. Kraeger listed items of information:**

- Aquidneck School Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is scheduled for August 29, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.**
- Letter from School Committee Member Edward Draper to Governor Carcieri regarding school facilities assessment. Mr. Draper is**

requesting that gross square footage be used for reporting to give more accurate depiction.

- 1st Middletown Educational Collaborative Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2005 at Green Valley Country Club.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Memo from Barbara Nash, Town Clerk, requesting confirmation of William Coogan and Edward Draper serving on the Information Technology Advisory Committee.

**MOTION:** 1) Edward Draper, 2) Theresa Spengler. That the School Committee receive the communication. Unanimous vote.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

- **CURRICULUM** – August 26th and August 29th are New Teacher Orientation at Oliphant Administration and J.H. Gaudet School.

- **FINANCIAL** – State Aid figures have been finalized. Numbers for group home and LEP students will have to be reported as of June 30th. This causes concern because group home numbers vary at that time, as does our military enrollment. Teacher salaries have been set.

We are waiting to hear Impact Aid figures. Enrollment is being tracked very closely. Administration is working with teacher leadership to recall teachers. Kennedy School classes are down a 1st

and 4th grade. Forest Avenue School classes are down a Kindergarten class and a 3rd grade. Gaudet School is down a 6th grade. The Anchorage closure and Green Lane area renovations have influenced these enrollment numbers.

- **FACILITIES** – The Facilities Advisory Report is on-line and has been forwarded to the Town Council. The School Committee and members of the Facilities Advisory Committee are on the Town Council docket for September. Mrs. Kraeger and Catherine McLeish toured buildings in the district with David Rodrigues and Tim Carr. Mrs. Kraeger thanked the Facilities Management Team and said that the teamwork and effort has been great by the department. Schools are ready to open. The greenhouse location has been moved to the northeast side of the high school, due to a gas line running underneath the original location. All permits have been applied for and work should begin shortly. The “Safety Town” Program was held this week. Sixty students attended with program and there were many parent and student volunteers.

**MOTION:** 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Edward Draper. That the School Committee receive the Superintendent’s Reports. Unanimous vote.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Edward Draper. To approve the Consent Agenda. Unanimous vote.

- **Approval of Minutes of July 21, 2005 School Committee Meeting**
- **Approval of Minutes of July 21, 2005 Executive Session**
- **Approval of Invoice Register, dated July 15, 2005, in the amount of \$146,770.64**
- **Approval of Invoice Register, dated July 26, 2005, in the amount of \$311,315.36**
- **Approval of Special Grants Register, dated June 29, 2005, in the amount of \$140,651.74**
- **Approval of Special Grants Register, dated August 11, 2005, in the amount of \$2,248.02**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL**

### **APPOINTMENTS**

**Michael Yates Student Attendance Facilitator**

**Leslie Gilman Aquidneck School Lead Teacher (One Year Only)**

**Edward J. Collins Director of Facilities Management**

**Martin Susla Literacy Support Personnel, J.H. Gaudet School**

**Raleigh Brennan .6 English, Middletown High School (One Year Only)**

**Sharon Thibeault 10-Month Clerk**

### **APPOINTMENT TO SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Susan Schenck**

**Lisa C. Ruth**

**Albert J. McAloon**

**Theresa Ashness**

**Patricia M. Weissman**

**Kate O’Kula**

## **RESIGNATION**

**Doreen DeCosta-Murphy 3-Hour Teacher Assistant, Forest Avenue**

**Deborah J. Lennon 3-Hour Teacher Assistant, J.F. Kennedy**

**Jill Jackson-Fernandez .6 Librarian, J.F. Kennedy School**

## **LEAVE OF ABSENSE**

**Mary Donaldson Teacher Assistant, J.F. Kennedy School**

**From August 31, 2005 to December 31, 2005**

## **LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR THE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Ronda L. Schuster .5 Resource, Aquidneck School**

## **MATERNITY LEAVE - ARTICLE XIV, C, OPTION #1 (NEA/Middletown)**

**Colleen Larson Career Pathways Coordinator**

**From October 14, 2005 to an undetermined date**

**Michelle Fonseca Principal, Aquidneck School**

**Extend maternity leave to October 21, 2005 and Job Share Aquidneck School Principal position**

## **TRANSFER**

**Susan McIntosh 6-Hour Teacher Assistant, Forest Avenue to 6-Hour Teacher Assistant, Middletown High School, until February 28, 2006**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **SCHOOL COMMITTEE RETREAT – The School Committee Retreat will be on Saturday, October 1, 2005.**

- **NEASC UPDATE – Mr. Steven Ruscito has submitted all reports to the NEASC Chair and they are prepared for the September 25th visit. The Team will visit the High School on Sunday, September 25th to begin work with the accreditation group. A reception will follow. All arrangements have been made. A faculty session will be held with teachers in September to help prepare for the interview sessions. A School Committee workshop will be held prior to the September meeting.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**No New Business for August 18, 2009.**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **CONTRACT**

**MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Edward Draper. To table the contract for Teacher Assistants. Unanimous vote.**

### **POLICY ADOPTION – SECTION I (2nd READING)**

**MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Edward Draper. That the School Committee adopt Section I of the policy book, “Vision, Mission, Beliefs, Parameters, Legal Structures and System of Governance”, as a second reading. Unanimous vote.**

### **POLICY ADOPTION – DISCIPLINARY LITERACY (2nd READING)**

**MOTION: 1) Edward Draper, 2) Theresa Spengler. That the School Committee approve the Disciplinary Literacy Policy (2nd Reading). Unanimous vote.**

### **POLICY ADOPTION – SECTION I (CONTINUED) (1st READING)**

**MOTION: 1) Edward Draper, 2) Theresa Spengler. That the School Committee adopt Section I of the policy book, “Superintendent, Administrative Practices, School Committee Communication, School Improvement Teams, Shared Decision Making, Use and Abandonment of School Buildings, and Master Plans & Strategic Plans,”, as a first reading. Unanimous vote.**

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**



**Mr. Draper reported that the Department of Transportation is implementing a pilot program tomorrow through the YMCA to begin an educational awareness for students. The program looks into pedestrian safety, vehicle and bus safety and the use of cross walks. Resources from the Middletown Police Department are utilized.**

**On Friday, August 5th, Mrs. Fenton attended the Annual Government Summit. Discussion centered on access to public records and the Open Meeting Act. Mrs. Fenton said that according to the Open Meeting Act, there is an issue with “rolling and walking” quorums.**

#### **ADJOURN FROM MEETING**

**MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Edward Draper. To adjourn from School Committee Meeting at 8:15 p.m. Unanimous vote.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk**